

Friday, December 15, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S18673–S18773

Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1481–1483. **Page S18738**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1044, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize provisions relating to health centers, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–186)

S. 1228, to impose sanctions on foreign persons exporting petroleum products, natural gas, or related technology to Iran, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–187)

S. 342, to establish the Cache La Poudre River National Water Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–188)

S. 1470, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for increases in the amounts of allowable earnings under the social security earnings limit for individuals who have attained retirement age, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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National Defense Authorizations Act—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1530, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. **Pages S18702–12**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 66 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 607), Senate agreed to a motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report. **Pages S18701–02**

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations, 1996—Cloture Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on a motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2127, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal

year ending September 30, 1996 and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Sunday, December 17, 1995.

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Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Saturday, December 16, 1995.

Executive Reports of Committees: The Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II Treaty). (Treaty Doc. 103–1) (Exec. Rept. 104–10)

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Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed Senator Feingold to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

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Text of H.R. 1561 as Previously Passed:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–607)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:53 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Saturday, December 16, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S18771–73.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Eric James Boswell, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, and Anthony Cecil Eden Quainton, of the District of Columbia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MINIMUM WAGE

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation to increase the Federal minimum wage, after receiving testimony from Senator Kerry; Robert B. Reich, Secretary of Labor; Kevin M. Murphy, University of

Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; Kenneth James, LaTrell's Management Corporation, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the National Restaurant Association; and Richard L. Trumka, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee met and ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. _____), directing the Senate Legal Counsel to bring a civil action to enforce a subpoena of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related matters to William H. Kennedy, III.

Also, committee approved the reissuance of a subpoena to obtain certain information relative to the committee's Whitewater investigation.

Committee will meet again on Monday, December 18.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2785–2799; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 120–121, and H. Res. 308 were introduced. **Page H14963**

Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H.R. 2402, to authorize an exchange of lands in the State of Utah at Snowbasin Ski Area, amended (H. Rept. 104–409). **Page H14963**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Longley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H14929**

Recess Authority: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 152 nays, Roll No. 863, House agreed to the Armey motion that the Speaker may be authorized to declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair through Monday, December 18, 1995. **Pages H14929–30**

Member Sworn: Representative-elect Tom Campbell presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker. **Page H14931**

Enrollment Correction: House agreed to S. Con. Res. 36, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make technical corrections in the enrollment of S. 1060—clearing the measure. **Pages H14937–38**

Defense Authorization: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 267 yeas to 149 nays, Roll No. 865, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1530, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces—clearing the measure for Senate action. **Pages H14946–60**

H. Res. 307, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 864. **Pages H14938–46**

Au Pair Program: Objection was heard to a unanimous-consent request to take from the Speaker's table and consider H.R. 2767, to extend au pair programs. **Pages H14961–62**

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H14964.

Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee. **Page H14963**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H14930, H14946, and H14959–60.

Recess: House recessed at 3:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AU PAIR PROGRAM; STATUS OF FORMER SOVIET UNION-UNITED STATES POLICY AND ASSISTANCE

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported H.R. 2767, to extend the au pair program.

The Committee also concluded hearings on the Newly Independent States of the Former Soviet Union: U.S. Policy and Assistance, Part II. Testimony was heard from Harold J. Johnson, Director, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; Brent Scowcroft, former National Security Advisor; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

Joint Meetings

PRODUCT LIABILITY

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 18 through 23, 1995

Senate Chamber

During the week, Senate may consider conference reports, when available, continuing appropriations, if necessary, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, December 19, 1995, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: December 19, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to review the current situation in Bosnia, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: December 20, to hold hearings on S. 594, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

December 21, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: December 19, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on the Judiciary: December 19, to hold hearings to examine trends in youthful drug use, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

December 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

December 20, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 21, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending committee business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: December 18, to resume hearings to examine certain matters relating to the Whitewater Development Corporation, 1 p.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on International Relations, December 18, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Trial, Conviction, and Imprisonment of Wei Jingsheng: How Should It Affect United States Policy? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

December 20, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, hearing on Violations of the U.S. Embargo on Cuba, 2p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, December 19, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1129, to amend the National Trails Systems Act to designate the route from Selma to Montgomery as a National Historic Trail; H.R. 2107, Visitor Services Improvement and Outdoor Legacy Act of 1995; H.R. 194, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make matching contributions toward the purchase of the Sterling Forest in the State of New York; and H.R. 1527, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authorities and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture in issuing ski area permits on National Forest System lands and to withdraw lands within ski area permit boundaries from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

December 19, Salvage Timber and Forest Health Task Force, hearing on Salvage Timber and Forest Health focusing on Southern Salvage and Forest Health Issues, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules. December 18, to consider H.R. 1710, Comprehensive Antiterrorism Act of 1995, 5 p.m., H-3133 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, December 19, to continue hearings on IC21: The Intelligence Community in the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Saturday, December 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House in recess subject to call of the Chair.

Senate Chamber

Program for Saturday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2127, Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations, 1996.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Legislative program will be announced later.



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